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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : MEXICO CITY

ACTION : C/WH 3

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[illegible] KEYWAY PBRUMEN [DE[illegible]] [illegible]

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[illegible] FOLL KEYED TO REF B:

PART A:

1. DAY BEFORE HURRICANE CYNTHIA HIT CUBA, BETWEEN 500 AND [illegible] SOVIET TECHS LEFT BY SHIP FROM SANTIAGO DE CUBA. ON 10 NOV APPROX 200 SOVS WERE SEEN WALKING STREETS HAVANA WITH SUITCASES PRIOR DEBARCATION. (SOURCE [REMIGIO [illegible]O] DOI: 9 DEC).

2. ALL SOVS APPEAR TO BE TECHS, ALTHO YOUNG. MOST OBSERVED BY [DESIGNEE] HAD NO MILITARY BEARING, IN SLOPPY PHYSICAL SHAPE, [illegible] HIS ASSUMPTION THEY CIVILIANS. FRIEND [ERIC BONSIGN[illegible] [illegible]MAN] LIVES ON ROAD TO PINAR DEL RIO, TOLD [D/] "SIX MONTHS [illegible] THE SOVS DID NOT PERMIT ANYONE [illegible] THEIR CAMP NEAR EL [illegible] FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS CUBAN OFFICIALS ENTER IN LAR[illegible] [illegible] AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SOVS HAS BEEN REDUCED BY TWO [illegible]". (SIC). [illegible] CAMP IN SOROA CLOSED DOWN ABOUT SIX MONTHS [illegible] IT THOUGH THEY HAVE [illegible] (SOURCE NENITA ROCA.

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[illegible]). ORIGINAL CONTINGENT OF [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] ARRIVING WITH FAMILIES. (SOURCE: [ANGEL [illegible]].)
[illegible] NEVER SEEN IN UNIFORM, ALL WEAR SPORT SHIRTS OF VARIOUS
[illegible], APPARENTLY CUBAN MADE. NO [illegible]RAS, OF COURSE, SINCE
[illegible] SYMBOLIC OF PLAYBOYS. IN A CAFETERIA [illegible] SAT NEXT TO TABLE
[illegible] CHINESE, ONE IN PALE BLUE TUNIC AND OTHER THREE IN
[illegible] SUITS. [illegible] SAW AND HEARD NO [illegible]TION OF NO OTHER ASIATICS,
[illegible]LLITE TYPES.

[illegible] [illegible] SAW ON 13 DEC TEN [illegible] [illegible] AS SOVIET TYPE ON
[illegible] FROM MATANZAS TO VARADERO. EACH SIDE THEY HAD 5 LARGE
[illegible] AND ONE SMALLER WHEEL RAISED OFF GROUND. DOUBLE TURRETS,
[illegible] LARGE CANNON. ON 15 DEC [illegible] SEEN GOING SAME DIRECTION.
[illegible] HE SAW 5 LARGE TRUCKS DRIVEN BY SOVS AND CARRYING FIVE
[illegible]. LATER SAME DAY SAW TEN MORE. ALL GOING FROM RANCHO
[illegible] AREA TOWARDS THE INTERIOR. IN ALL SAW [illegible] 250 DURING
[illegible] VISIT. ALL SOVS IN 22-28 AGE GROUP.

4. SEE TWO, ABOVE.

5. FLOW OF SOVS IS CONSISTENT WITH NEEDS CASTRO GOVT. MANY
[illegible] MANY MORE WILL COME AS NEED ARISES. TYPICAL ATTITUDE OF MAN
[illegible] STREET IS "SOVS HERE TO STAY".

6. NO INFO SOVS IN CUBAN MILITIA UNIFORMS.

7. [illegible] NO GUARANTEE FROM
[illegible] AGREEMENT, [illegible] CASTRO SENSITIVE TO CHARGE [illegible] SOVIET
[illegible] PROVE [illegible] INDEPENDENT, CAN VOTE AGAINST USSR [illegible]
[illegible] NEEDS OF CUBA [illegible]
[illegible] THIS [illegible] LACK UNDERSTANDING REALITIES CUBA

LIFE: NO GOC OFFICIAL OPPOSES FOR FEAR OF OWN LIFE. IN ANY EVENT, OPPOSITION WOULD HAVE NO VALUE OR MEANING. COMMON QUOTE: "FIDEL HACE Y FIDEL DESHACE".

3. SEE ONE, ABOVE.

4. NOT KNOWN, BUT CUBAN POSITION IN DISPUTE VERY INDEPENDANT, UNAFFECTED.

PART C

1. MOST OF THE MILITIA PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO ARMY REGULARS PAST SIX MONTHS.

2. UNKNOWN

3. [D]'S IMPRESSION IS THAT CUBAN ARMY NOW WELL TRAINED AND ORGANIZED.

4. ON TEN DEC. NEAR SOROA, ALL CARS HALTED ON ROAD WHILE CONTINGENT CUBAN TROOPS SURROUNDED A CANE FIELD AND SPRAYED IT WITH GUNFIRE, SEARCHED IT, BUT FOUND NO ONE. TROOPS WELL FED AND SUPPLIED. (SOURCE: [NENITA ROCA], 9 DEC). SOROA APPROX 80 KMS FROM HABANA TOWARDS PINAR DEL RIO.

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C/S COMMENT: *HQS HIGHLY INTERESTED [ ] DESIGNATE RETURN CUBA AS OBSERVER SINGLETON.

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